



JUSTINE BARNES

38th Representative District



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Committees: Corrections; Economic Development and Energy; Legislative Retirement; Public Health; Senior Citizens and Retirement (Chair)

Biography: Democrat, of Westland; born Justine Wensko, February 2, 1925, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; attended Dearborn Public Schools (Fordson High); married the late Jonathan Barnes, 1943; sons, Duane and Scott; elder (6 years), First United Presbyterian Church of Wayne; Westland City Council, 1966-83 (president, 1976-78); Westland City Charter Commission, 1964-66 vice president, Wayne County Charter Commission, 1981-83; Democratic precinct delegate, 1957-present; member, Board of Directors Peoples Community Hospital Authority (14 years); chairperson and executive board member, SEMCOG Community Development and Block Grant Committee; past statewide trustee, Michigan Municipal League; life member, Wayne-Ford Civic League; past president, Jefferson PTA; chairperson, Westland United Fund Drive, 1963-64; member, United Community Services (14 years), Westland Advisory Commission on Economic Development, Westland Goodfellows, Westland Business and Professional Women, Westland Chamber of Commerce, and Westland Rotary Club; past vice president, Westland League of Democratic Voters; Westland Woman of the Year, 1975; Citizen of the Year, Ford Motor Company, 1967; Legislator of the Year, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, 1983; Westland YMCA Leader of the Year award, 1989; The Friend of Local Public Health award, MALPH, 1989; SEMCOG Ambassador award; attended Harvard University (NCSL scholarship); honorary lay member, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Inc.; member, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); vice chair, NCSL Government Operations and Pensions Committee; elected to the House of Representatives, 1982.

